

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 23, 26 and 29 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus which can access a plurality of databases, comprising:

first copying means for copying data selected from a first database to a second database;

determination means for determining if each of attribute items of attribute information appended to the copied data corresponds to each of attribute items of the second database; and

second copying means for copying content data of an attribute item as content data of a corresponding attribute item of the second database if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item corresponds to one of the attribute items of the second database, and for copying content data of an attribute item and item information indicating the attribute item as content data of a predetermined attribute item of the second database in a predetermined format if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item does not correspond to any of the attribute items of the second database, wherein said predetermined format indicates information of a mismatching attribute item

~~wherein said second copying means copies the content data and the item information of the attribute item which does not correspond to any of the attribution items of the second database to the predetermined item in a predetermined format which indicates information of a mismatching attribute item.~~

2. and 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined format indicates an attribute item name and content.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising information recovery means for, when content data stored in the predetermined attribute item in the predetermined format is detected, recovering the detected content data on the basis of the attribute item name and content indicated by the information.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

holding means for holding conversion information indicating a correspondence between attribute items of the first and second databases, and

wherein said determination means determines based on the conversion information if each of the attribute items of the attribute information appended to the data corresponds to each of the attribute items of the second database.

7. to 11. (Canceled) .

12. (Currently amended) An information processing method which can access a plurality of databases, comprising the steps of:

copying data in a first copying step ~~of copying data~~ selected from a first database to a second database;

determining in a determination step ~~of determining~~ if each of attribute items of attribute information appended to the copied data corresponds to each of the attribute items of the second database; and

copying in a second copying step ~~of copying content~~ data of an attribute item as content data of a corresponding attribute item of the second database if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item corresponds to one of the attribute items of the second database, and copying content data of an attribute item and item information indicating the attribute item as content data of a predetermined attribute item of the second database in a predetermined format if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item does not correspond to any of the attribute items of the second database, wherein said predetermined format indicates information of a mismatching attribute item

~~wherein said second copying step copies the content data and the item information of the attribute item which does not correspond to any of the attribution items of the second database to the predetermined item in a predetermined format which indicates information of a mismatching attribute item.~~

13. to 14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the predetermined format indicates an attribute item name and content.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 15, further comprising the information recovery step of recovering the detected content data on the basis of the attribute item name and content thereof indicated by attribute information, when content data stored in the predetermined attribute item in the predetermined format is detected in the second copying step.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:

a holding step of holding conversion information indicating a correspondence between attribute items of the first and second databases,

wherein the determination step includes the step of determining based on the conversion information if each of the attribute items of the attribute information appended to the data corresponds to each of the attribute items of the second database.

18. to 22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A database system which can copy data between a plurality of databases, comprising:

first copying means for copying data selected from a first database to a second database;

determination means for determining if each of attribute items of attribute information appended to the copied data corresponds to each of attribute items of the second database; and

second copying means for copying content data of an attribute item as content data of a corresponding attribute item of the second database if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item corresponds to one of the attribute items of the second database, and copying content data of an attribute item and item information indicating the attribute item as content data of a predetermined attribute item of the second database in a predetermined format if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item does not correspond to any of the attribute items of the second database, wherein said predetermined format indicates information of a mismatching attribute item

~~wherein said second copying means copies the content data and the item information of the attribute item which does not correspond to any of the attribution items of the second database to the predetermined item in a predetermined format which indicates information of a mismatching attribute item.~~

24. to 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a database system which can copy data between a plurality of databases, comprising the steps of:

copying data in a first copying step ~~of copying data~~ selected from a first database to a second database;

determining in a determination step ~~of determining~~ if each of attribute items of attribute information appended to the data corresponds to each of attribute items of the second database; and

copying in a second copying step[[.]] ~~of copying~~ content data of an attribute item as content data of a corresponding attribute item of the second database if it is determined by said determination step that the attribute corresponds to one of the attribute items of the second database, and copying content data of an attribute item and item information indicating the attribute item as content data of a predetermined attribute item of the second database in a predetermined format if it is determined by said determination step that the attribute item does not correspond to any of the attribute items of the second database, wherein said predetermined format indicates information of a mismatching attribute item

~~wherein said second copying step copies the content data and the item information of the attribute item which does not correspond to any of the attribution items of the second database to the predetermined item in a predetermined format which indicates information of a mismatching attribute item.~~

27. to 28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer-executable control program for a database client which copies data between a plurality of databases, said control program comprising:

code for a first copying step of copying data selected from a first database to a second database;

code for a determination step of determining if each of attribute items of attribute information appended to the copied data corresponds to each of the attribute items of the second database; and

code for a second copying step of copying content data of an attribute item as content data of a corresponding attribute item of the second database if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item corresponds to one of the attribute items of the second database, and copying content data of an attribute item and item information indicating the attribute item as content data of a predetermined attribute item of the second database in a predetermined format if it is determined by said determination means that the attribute item does not correspond to any of the attribute items of the second database, wherein said predetermined format indicates information of a mismatching attribute item

~~wherein said copying step copies the content data and the item information of the attribute item which does not correspond to any of the attribution items of the second database or the predetermined item in a predetermined format which indicates information of a mismatching attribute item.~~

30. to 34. (Canceled).